

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

--A fastening device B comprises a support member secured to one body to be fastened, a base member secured to the other body to be fastened, an operating lever having a U-shaped configuration in section and a basal end of which is turnably connected to the base member through a first shaft, an arm one end part of which is turnably connected to the support member through a second shaft and the other end part of which is turnably connected to the basal end part of the operating lever through a third shaft, and a lock mechanism for locking the operating lever at an overlap position with respect to the base member. The lock mechanism includes a lock claw disposed at the base member, a lock pin laid between opposite side walls of the operating lever, and a pin biasing member received in the operating lever for biasing the lock pin toward the lock claw.--